WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

The opposition to proposed civil rights legislation at public hearings can almost always be counted on to come up with a number of ridiculous arguments — many of which are downright silly.

Such was the case during the just concluded six hearings on Mayor McKeldin's omnibus ordinance — now under deliberation by the City Council's Judiciary Committee.

This time the opposition chalked up a new high in this respect.

I have never, in several years of covering these type of hearings, heard such a consistent array of irrelevant silliness spouted by so many of the opposition — as in this case with the McKeldin ordinance.

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FIRST OFF — here is what they were opposing:

1. They don't want colored citizens to have use of public places of accommodations on an integrated basis — but they're not opposed to accepting their money in segregated places.

2. They are ag'in giving colored citizens equal job opportunities — yet they argue the people don't have anything.

3. They argue strenuously against permitting colored citizens to rent or buy homes where they wish and can afford — still they are quick to point with scorn to the ghettos in which this limited housing force such citizens to live.

4. They would deny colored citizens equal social and welfare agencies' services—yet, almost in the same breath, they charge such citizens are of low moral and health standards.

5. They don't want colored citizens to have equal opportunity for education in an institution of their choice—but they contend such citizens are inferior in skills and training.

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THIS, BASICALLY, is the situation.

This is the position of the opposition to civil rights legislation — however they may try to dress the thing up otherwise.

As ridiculous as it may seem — this is the saner position of this opposition.

And it was spouted, in substance, all through those hearings on the McKeldin ordinance.

I said saner — because the opposition came up with some expressions also unbelievably silly.

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FOR EXAMPLE—

There was one speaker who said:

"I'm for civil rights, but on a segregated basis."

He never quite explained that one.

Then, there was another speaker who argued the ordinance is unconstitutional — because it violated the 13th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

He quoted the section of the 13th Amendment which states:

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"NEITHER SLAVERY nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States . . ."

He then came up with this strange interpretation:

"This would be a law to force businessmen to serve everybody against their will. It's illegal."

Still another kindly speaker for the opposition had this to say:

"I love the colored people. I'm a Christian. We have our place, they ought to stay in theirs."

In still another instance — a councilman asked one of the opposition speakers where he lived.

"I live in Easton," that person replied.

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AT ONE point during a hearing — a speaker referred to an article in a national magazine, labeling the periodical free from racism tendencies.

Yet — the head of that magazine has consistently written against benefits for colored citizens in a syndicated column.

These are a few examples of the sillier expressions of the opposition.

There are many more in the same vein which space here does not permit.

Of course — there was the argument by that perennial opposer to any integration of the races.

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HE ALWAYS starts off in this fashion:

"I'm a great friend of the colored people, but I want to keep my white race pure.

"This will only lead to intermarriage."

This, then, is the face and voice of the opposition.

I see it this way.

When civil rights legislation is passed — they help greatly with such ridiculous positions.

FINAL HEARING — This is a view of some of the spectators at the sixth and last hearing held Wednesday evening in the City Council chamber on Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's omnibus civil rights ordinance. The Council's Judiciary Committee will now begin deliberations on the ordinance and determine in what form it reaches the council floor.

FRIEND AND FOE — This expression, which speaks for itself, was caught on the countenance of councilman Henry G. Parks Jr. (4th) by AFRO photographer I. Henry Phillips Wednesday evening at the final hearing on Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin's civil rights ordinance. Mr. Parks, who favors the ordinance, listens as Melvin Perkins speaks against it. On the dias in the background is city council president Thomas D'Alesandro 3rd, who also favors the ordinance. Story appears on page one.

Suspect in grocer's slaying arrested by FBI in Chicago

The prime suspect in the Aug. 11 knife slaying of grocer John F. Thomas Sr. was arrested Tuesday night by FBI agents in Chicago after a three-month search.

Mr. Thomas' body was found in the rear of his store on the corner of Remington Ave. and W. 28th St. after he had been brutally slain and robbed.

The victim's son, John F. Thomas Jr., said that he found his 53-year-old father lying face down on the floor.

His hands, said the son, were bound behind him with a clothes line and his mouth gagged with a corner of his apron.

He was bleeding from knife wounds of the neck, face and right shoulder.

Shortly after the slaying, a suspect was halted in a car, but managed to escape leaving behind his 19-year-old wife, Mrs. Dorothy Wade, 5000 block Read Ave., and their 8-month-old baby.

A warrant was obtained by police for the arrest of her husband, Lonnie V. Wade, 30, as the principal suspect in the slaying.

Police reported that witnesses on the scene following the murder-robbery, claim to have seen a man fitting the description of the suspect leaving the store shortly before the body was discovered.

FBI agents are now holding Wade in Chicago for a hearing before a U. S. Commissioner on a charge of unlawful flight. A hearing has been scheduled for Dec. 10.

Following the disposition of this case, local homicide detectives will bring Wade back to Baltimore where he will be questioned in connection with the slaying.

Mrs. Wade, who had been charged with carrying a revolver when arrested, was tried last week in criminal court and fined $50.

Rogers Ave. widening prompts homes sales

Plans are moving forward rapidly for the widening of Rogers Ave. between Liberty Heights and Hayward Aves., which will affect residential properties on both sides of that artery.

Almost a third of these properties along this milestretch of roadway are being advertised for sale.

This well-traveled roadway now varies in width from 30 to 40 feet.

It will be widened to 56 feet, necessitating the city's acquiring of some portion of the frontage of bordering properties.

There will be side walks along both sides. Where there are no sidewalks the residents will have to pay for this improvement.

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ASSESSORS FROM the city's Real Estate Bureau are currently negotiating for the property portions needed.

Harry H. Reynolds, Bureau of Surveys official, told the AFRO Wednesday actual widening of this stretch of Rogers Ave. would begin next year.

An ordinance authorizing this was approved by the City Council in April of this year.

Widening of this stretch of Rogers Ave. was originally planned in the late 1920's, when an ordinance was passed at that time to make it an 80-foot roadway.

The subsequent depression killed those plans.

Mr. Reynolds said plans were again launched with the recent ordinance to make the roadway 80-foot, but the 56-foot width came as a compromise, as property owners objected.

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Morgan science hall dedication to feature Dr. Wiesner, panel

Morgan State College is formally dedicating its new half million dollar science facilities in a two-day schedule of activities today and Saturday, Dec. 7.

In a highlight of the dedication, Dr. Jerome Wiesner, who served as special adviser in science and technology to the late President John F. Kennedy, will speak at an 8 p.m. public meeting today, Friday, in Calloway Hall Amphitheatre.

His topic will be "Improving Science Education."

The two-day program also includes a formal dedication service and the 13th annual Secondary School Principals and Supervisors Conference.

THE FORMAL dedication exercise is being held on Dec. 6, at 10 a.m., in Murphy Auditorium to mark the completion of the Charles Clinton Key Hall and of other science facilities constructed at a cost of more than $550,000.

Key Hall, named in honor of the late Charles Clinton Key, a former professor of biology and dean of men at the college, is a two-story building whose construction completed what is known as the "Science Quadrangle at the college."

This is an enclosure of four buildings, the other three of which are Carnegie, Spencer and Calloway Halls, all serving various science areas of the college.

Key Hall and the other facilities provide the college a family life and home management apartment for home economics, a genetics laboratory for biology, a multipurpose amphitheatre accommodating 150 students laboratories and classrooms for mathematics, geography, meteorology and science education.

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ATTY. JOSIAH F. HENRY JR., chairman of the trustee committee on buildings and capital improvements, will preside at this program, at which Albert P. Backhus, director of the Department of Public Improvements, will present the building.

Acceptances will be made by Richard W. Emory, vice-chairman of the Morgan Board of Trustees, and Dr. Martin D. Jenkins, president of the college.

Other program participants will be: the Rev. Howard L. Gornish, director, Morgan Christian Center; Dr. Henry; Charles F. Brandt, architect; Dr. Thomas P. Fraser, professor of science education; and Dr. Nathaniel Proctor, professor of biology.

Presenting appreciations will be: Curtis Smothers, president, Student Government; Dr. Albert N. Whiting, Dean of the College; Dr. Louis Randall, M.D., assistant, Department of Obstetrics-Gynecology, University of Maryland, and Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the board of trustees.

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THE SECONDARY school conference will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, also in the Calloway Hall Amphitheatre.

Principal addresses will be made by Dr. Herman Branson, professor and head of the department of physics, Howard University, who will discuss "The Role of Science in

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Joseph C. Traynham dies on 93rd birthday

Joseph Cephus Traynham, 511 N. Stricker, fondly called 'Pop' by his relatives, died on Nov. 13, his 93rd birthday.

He is survived by 52 immediate relatives. Death came after a two-month illness. The week before, a son, George Traynham, 69, died at the family home in Virginia.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17, at Allen AME Church, where he had been a longtime trustee.

The Rev. J. Wayman Henry, pastor, officiated assisted by the Rev. T. C. Freeman, presiding elder of the Hagerstown District.

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BORN IN Halifax County, Va., November 13, 1870, Mr. Traynham married the late Ida L. Drumwright. They became parents of seven children, four of whom survive.

At Traynhams Memorial AME Church in Harmony, Va., which his father built, and presented to the A.M.E. Conference, Joseph served as layman, trustee, steward, superintendent of Sunday school, and senior teacher.

After he retired from farming he came to Baltimore to live with his children and transferred is membership to Allen AME Church.

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"POP" IS survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ailsie J. Lawson, with whom he lived; three sons, Hezekiah E., Richard A., and J. Lewis Traynham, all of Baltimore, Maryland;

A sister, Mrs. Hallie Bailey of Brandywine, Md.; an adopted brother, Robert Johnson Traynham; 1 son - in - law, 5 daughters - in - law, 17 grandchildren, and 23 great - grandchildren.

McCulloh fire house will be dedicated

A new fire house will be dedicated today (Friday) at 2:30 p.m.

Located at McCulloh and McMechen Sts., the fire house, considered one of the most modern in the nation, will eliminate two older fire houses.

Housed in the building will be a battalion chief No. 4, engine No. 13, truck No. 4, and Municipal ambulance No. 4.

The familiar pole which firemen slide down from upstairs has been eliminated.

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THE NEW building is a single level design with sleeping and living quarters adjacent to the fire fighting equipment for improved response to alarms.

The dedication ceremony will be preceded by a program by the Fire Department Glee Club starting at 2 p.m.

Following the program, several pieces of the Fire Department's latest apparatus will be displayed and will feature a demonstration of the "Snorkel" unit.

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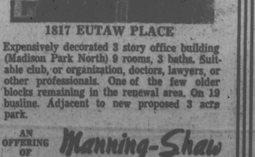

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THE WEATHER
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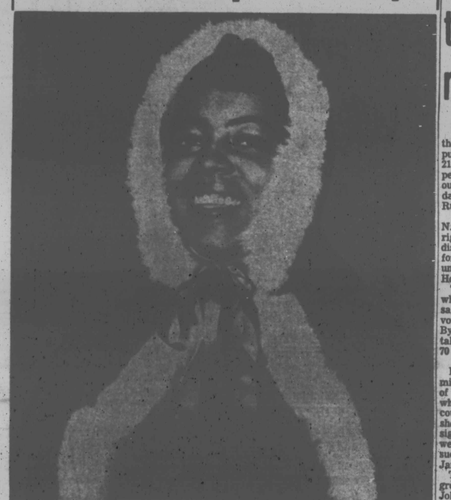

STILL HOPEFUL — AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Mary Hemphill, with far more pleas for help than offers to assist needy families, remains hopeful that more persons will support her efforts next week.

Urgent appeal sounded as Christmas Day nears

With only twelve days more to try and find help to answer the appeals of needy families, Mrs. Santa is disheartened by the lack of response from able-to-help Baltimoreans.

Everyday, bundles of letters come to Mrs. Santa.

Some ask clothes for young children, blankets for beds; one family asked if we could get glasses fixed for her daughters.

Another asked for a small stove to heat their home so that the children could have warmth in the mornings, while dressing for school.

One of the families Mrs. Santa had a chance to visit needs a wheel chair for a son. Still another has ten children, and most of them are sleeping on the floor.

There are many needs and requests, but Mrs. Santa can't help the people if no one helps Mrs. Santa.

Mrs. Santa needs Baltimoreans to donate food to help make baskets; clothes to be given to children and adults, household items, money especially to buy more baskets of food and usable toys.

To donate, contact Mrs. Santa, at MU. 5-6015, or come to the AFRO office, 628 N. Eutaw St.

To help a family, select one of the case numbers running in the AFRO and

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Move on to free rights bill

WASHINGTON

Congressional backers of the civil rights bill Tuesday pushed to within 70 of the 218 signatures they need on a petition to pry the measure out of the clutches of the dalaying Dixie - led House Rules Committee.

Rep. Emmanuel Celler (D. N.Y.), who drafted the civil rights bill, also sparked the discharge petition, seeking to force the bill out of the rules unit. He is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

The discharge petition, which needs 218 votes for passage, garnered some 130 votes in the first six hours. By Tuesday afternoon the tally had reached 148, Just 70 shy of the count needed.

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PETITION BACKERS admitted Tuesday that a band of reluctant Republicans, whose support had been counted, had slowed the tally short of the mark by not signing. Backers said they were confident however, of succeeding, either now or in January.

Two other prods to Congress came from President Johnson and from students in local colleges who visited Capitol Hill Tuesday to urge their Congressmen to sign the discharge petition.

President Johnson told his Congressional leaders Tuesday morning that he thinks Congress should stay in session until Dec. 20 or 21 in order to get a headstart on vital legislation, including the civil rights bill.

REPORTERS HAVE had to fall back on friendly Congressmen for information on the petition vote tally, since it is not a public record until it contains the required 218 signatures. Congressmen may sign such a petition only while the chamber is in session.

If the discharge effort succeeds, it will be one of the few times in history that

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Districts set in city

By MAX JOHNSON

After months of haggling, the General Assembly's Baltimore delegation finally adopted Thursday evening a redistricting plan, designed to realign more equitably population-wise boundaries of the city's six legislative districts.

That is, a majority of those present of the 45-members Senate and House delegation favored the plan. The vote by show of hands was 22 to 9.

The adopted plan was favored by Murray Abramson (4th D.), chairman of the city delegation; Senator Verda F. Welcome and Delagate Clarence Mitchell 3rd, (both 4th D.), and the entire Fifth District House delegation with the exception of Delegate Edgar P. Silver who was not present.

Chief opposition came from Senator Paul A. Dorf (5th D.), who wanted to have approved instead the City Council's redistricting plan which carries the 4th District further north in relative all white area of the Fifth's 27th Ward.

Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, Ernest D. Young and Joseph Abramson (all 4th D.), who were elected under the Dorf's Pollack faction banner, voted

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Police hunt motive in Mt. Royal Ter. slaying

MRS. JOYCE R. BROWN

An attractive clerk by day and an aspiring actress by night—Mrs. Joyce R. Brown, 21—was found dead early Wednesday in her Mt. Royal Terrace apartment, with a pink scarf knotted tightly about her neck.

Several men have been questioned in connection with the slaying of the red-headed beauty but have been released.

Employed as a credit clerk by a Light St. mail order house, Mrs. Brown recently appeared in leading roles in two palys produced by the Arena Players, a local theatrical group.

Mrs. Brown, the mother of a 22-month-old son, lived alone in the one-room apartment in the 2000 block Mt. Royal Terrace.

There was evidence in the apartment that a struggle had preceded her death. A chair had been overturned and the rug had been pushed into a ball.

The pink scarf, which has been identified as the murder weapon, is believed to have been one that Mrs. Brown wore to work on Tuesday—the same day on which she died.

The medical examiner estimated that she died several hours before her body was discovered. There was no evidence of a criminal assault.

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POLICE have not given any possible motive for her death, nor has there been any indication from Mrs. Brown's close friends that she was in fear of her life.

On the day of her death, Mrs. Brown left work early dressed in the same black dress in which she was later found dead.

There has been no indication from police as to how the last hours of her life were spent.

The discovery of her body was made by a fellow tenant, Carter L. Bryant, who was on his way to empty a basket of trash, at about 1:25 a.m., when he saw the door to her first floor apartment slightly ajar.

I thought she had perhaps fallen asleep and forgot to

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County rights unit plagued by hassle

AN ANALYSIS
By TED HANDY

Why is Baltimore County Executive Spiro T. (Ted) Agnew so anxious to get rid of Michael G. Holofcener, chairman of the county's Human Relations Commission.

Is it because Holofcener has pushed too hard, too fast on equal accommodations in the county or because he is, as Agnew maintains, just not a good chairman?

In recent days, Mr. Agnew, top man in county government, has been waging a fierce campaign to dump Holofcener.

So far Mr. Holofcener has turned a deaf ear to Agnew's demands that he resign and has made no public comment on the slinging attacks on him by the County Executive.

To understand why Agnew now wants to get rid of the man he named chairman of the county's new civil rights commission it is necessary to go back to the Gwynn Oak amusement park crisis of last summer when over 300 freedom demonstrators, including nationally prominent clergymen, were jailed as they protested the park's

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Lying about tan lover gets Christine nine-months term

LONDON — Christine Keeler, the flaming red - haired beauty whose sex life almost toppled a British government, Friday was sentenced to nine months for falsely accusing Aloysius (Lucky) Gordon of beating her.

The 33 - year - old jazz singer, described as one of a "succession of West Indian lovers" of the 21-year - old playgirl, was sentenced to three years but two months later was freed when the court heard a tape recording Miss Keeler made in writing her life story which she sold for $64,000.

Miss Keeler also drew a six - month term, to run concurrently, for conspiracy. Miss Keeler's roommate 23-year-old Paula Hamilton Marshall, was sentenced to six months for conspiracy; their housemother, put on probation. and a West Indian friend beat a conspiracy charge.

The women are housed in separate cells at Holloway Prison.

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AFRO-Regent join hands for gala theatre party

Hey kids!

It's almost Christmas and that means that the AFRO's Mrs. Santa and the Regent Theatre are working overtime to make sure your annual Yule theatre party is the best yet.

Mrs. Santa and Henry Hornstein of the Regent have put their heads together and come up with one of the most timely and entertaining films they have ever presented for your pleasure.

It is "Fun In Acapulco" and stars Elvis Presley. And you know something else? You can join with Elvis and sing your favorite Christmas Carol while watching the show.

After the movie, there will be a live show.

A partial list of the stars looks like this:

Music will be furnished by Mrs. Santa's favorite band—and yours — Jerome Scruggs and his Houserockers.

Sonny Hatchett, a beautiful

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Jesse Clarke, printer, dies of heart attack

Jesse Clarke, 43, 2901 Elgin Ave., printer, died in his home, Wednesday, of a heart attack.

Funeral services will be held Monday a St. Peter Claver Church, 1542 N. Fremont Ave.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

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MR. CLARKE was the owner of the Clarke Press, 2120 Druid Hill Ave. The business had been founded by his father, Jesse Clarke Sr. in 1914. On Wednesday after dinner Mr. Clarke left home to deliver some work to a customer.

He returned home in a short time and told his wife and daughter that he was not feeling well. It was then 11:30 p.m.

He went upstairs to the bedroom where he collapsed.

Dr. Bernard Harris Sr. was summoned and he pronounced Mr. Clarke dead. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

Dr. Harris is the father - in - law of Mr. Clarke.

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MR. CLARKE was born in Baltimore and graduated from Douglass High School in 1937. During his career in printing which began in his father's workshop, he worked as a linotypist for the AFRO-AMERICAN newspapers for 10 years and the Federal Government in Washington for five.

He was a life - long member of St. Peter Claver's and his hobby was photography.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Elise Harris; a daughter, Miss Brenda Clarke; mother, Mrs. Sadie Clarke; and three sisters, Sister Mary Reparata, the former Catharine Clarke, a member of the Order of Oblate Sisters of Providence at St. Francis Xavier Church; Mrs. Lorraine Carter of New York City; and Mrs. Muriel Hill of Philadelphia.

JESSE CLARKE

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

Mink is the thing for poodles

By RALPH MATTHEWS JR.

Do you have a dog on your shopping list? A four legged one?

As a special service to dog-lovers, here is a gift suggestion list especially compiled to help those faced with the burning question: what do you give a dog who has everything?

Well for a start and in keeping with the Yule season, poodle owners can purchase Santa Claus suits for this breed. They are on sale at a Towson pet store and the outfits consist of a Santa Claus suit, cap, boots.

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WHY ANYONE would want to dress a poodle in a Santa Claus suit is not our concern. Why a poodle would let him or herself be rigged up like St. Nick is also not our affair. For the record, these costumes sell for $4.95 but the dog must supply his own sled and reindeer.

For dogs who have insomnia, we would suggest a fancy dog bed complete with innerspringe and tufted mattress. The going price is $14.95. Foam rubber mattresses cost more.

If your mutt has poor circulation and is easily affected by cold weather, pamper him with a genuine mink-lined coat. These must be ordered specially through pet shops and you have to bring the dog in for a fitting.

Mink coats for dogs are custom - made and retail from $40 to $75 depending on the size of the animal.

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ALSO VERY chic this season are Bathsheba glamour bath outfits for poodles. A Bathsheba is actually a ritzy towel trimmed in gold lame. It is used to dry off poodles after they have been shampooed.

For dogs too lazy to scrounge their own water, there is an automatic water feeder. This costs $6.95.

Cookie jars for dogs are a fast moving item. They sell

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13,000 EXPECTED

Rev. King here on Thursday

With the Rev. Martin Luther King as the principal speaker, the Freedom Rally on Thursday, Dec. 19, is expected to be the largest meeting of its type ever staged in Maryland.

More than 13,000 people are expected to be present when the program opens at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. There is no admission.

"Because of the ordinance which is pending before the City Council of Baltimore, and because of the urgent need for congressional action on the question of civil rights, I am particularly pleased that I can come to the Baltimore community and participate in 'a large Freedom Rally,'" Dr. King has said.

"We are pleased that Dr. King could accept our invitation to come to Baltimore", said Dr. Logan Kearse, chairman of the Freedom Rally Committee.

Music will be furnished by the Morris Queen Chorale, the choir of the First Apostolic Faith Church, choir from the New Metropolitan Baptist Church and the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Christ.

At 8:15 p.m. the formal program will begin. Invited to participate are Rabbi Abraham Shusterman, Har Sinai Congregation; Dr. Ralph Tabor, president of the Maryland Council of Churches; Mrs. Juanita Mitchell of the NAACP and Dr. Isaac L. Williams, president of the Bantist Ministers' Conference of Baltimore.

Also appearing on the program will be Samuel T. Daniels, grand master, Prince Hall Masons of Maryland; Dr. Ralph Abernathy, treasurer of SCLC and pastor of the West Hunter Street Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Lawrence Reddick, Coppin State Teachers College and historian for SCLC;

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